

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1063 - HB 1494

February 21, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires, beginning in 2021, all elections for state trial court judge and county judicial office to be conducted in a nonpartisan manner with incumbents listed first on the ballot.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under current law, Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-13-203(e), only Shelby County may require the nonpartisan election of state trial court judgeships and county judicial officials.
- The proposed legislation will require such offices statewide to be elected in a nonpartisan manner and does not alter the current election cycle for such officials.
- In counties holding primary elections, removal of such judicial officials from primary election ballots is not estimated to result in a significant decrease to local government expenditures because primary elections will still be conducted for other officials; therefore, any fiscal impact to local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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